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Hold Meeting at Tenn. A. & I. College

"Facing Tennessee's Problems" was the theme for the Eighteenth Annual session of The Tennessee Negro Education Association, at the Tennessee A. & I. College, March 21-23, which brought together more than 600 Tennessee school teachers and educators. Governor Prentice Cooper and Other State Officials Address Teachers

His Excellency, the governor of the State of Tennessee in complimenting the teachers on the program of work for the year paid special tribute to Dr. W. J. Hale, president of the Tennessee A. & I. College, as head of the institution that is furnishing the majority of the teachers throughout the state.

He spoke of the institution as well deserving the amount of money appropriated by the state through the taxpayers, for its maintenance, and congratulated Pres. Hale along with his able administrators and faculty on his being able to wisely use the funds of the state in properly train-

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COMPLIMENTS MISS MODESTINE YOUNG

The following letter from President W. J. Hale, addressed to the members of Alpha Psi chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, is in appreciation of the very fine contribution made by Miss Modestine Young in song recital in the college auditorium, Sunday evening March 24, on which occasion students, faculty and friends were privileged to hear a program of unusual quality, by one from our own College.

Miss Young was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marie Brooks-Strange, who has done much by way of encouragement and training to develop the talent of the young artist.

Nat'l Conference of State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers in Agriculture and Home Economics

Held at Tenn. A. & I. College

The National Conference of State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers in Agriculture and Home Economics held its annual meeting, March 25-29, with the Tennessee A. and I. College, Nashville, as host.

In charge of the meeting of Supervisors and Teacher Trainers in Agriculture were, Mr. D. M. Clement and Mr. W. N. Elam of the U. S. office of Education, Washington, and Mr. G. E. Freeman, director of vocational education in Tennessee.

The eighteen states represented by State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers were as follows: New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Among the outstanding speakers who appeared on program were: W. A. Ross, specialist in Agriculture Education, U. S. office of Education, Washington; F. W. Lathrop, specialist, Washington office; C. F. Clark and J. H. Shoulders, AAA, Washington; H. B. Swanson, specialist, Washington offices; Giles A. Hubert, Agricultural Economist, FSA, Washington; Charles S. Johnson, director of Social Science, Fisk University, and Dr. W. J. Hale, president Tennessee A. and I. College, who welcomed the members of the conference on behalf of the College along with Mr. W. S. Davis, State Teacher Trainer, Vocational Agriculture, A. & I. State College, and other



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DEAN G. W. GORE, JR. FORMALLY CONGRATULATED ON DOCTOR- ATE PUBLICATION

Dr. G. W. Gore, Jr., Director of Instruction, Tennessee A. and I. State College and who for seventeen years has been connected with the college under the leadership of Dr. W. J. Hale, President, in Chapel exercises February 29, was formally congratulated on the recent publication of his doctorate dissertation, "In-Service Professional Improvement of Negro Public School Teachers in Tennessee," published by the

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ing the large number of students enrolled in the college each year.

In speaking of the advancement in the school program in Tennessee the Governor anticipated an extension of free textbooks to the fourth, fifth and sixth grades for the near future, along with other developments.

Commissioner of Education B. O. Duggan declared the work of the teacher as one having the responsibility of training for good citizenship. "If we fail, our nation will suffer," said the commissioner.

As vital to the efficiency of the teacher, one should possess adequate knowledge of the content to be taught, should have subject matter properly distributed over the grades, and use methods and materials that will insure maximum learning.

The Commissioner recounted the program in present operation and plans for future advancement in connection with improving teacher personnel and student training.

Mr. C. L. Hardison, State Superintendent of certification spoke of the forward step made in this department to supply the schools of Tennessee with competently trained leaders. It was stated that 80 percent of Tennessee teachers have more than two years of training in addition to high school requirements, and that it was the hope of all departments that by 1941 through a legislative act or authority of the State Board of Education that a majority would have had more than three years of training, with four years effective by 1945.

Included in the qualifications for improving the schools through teacher training, the speaker pointed to the following necessary requirements: apprenticeship of at least three for the proposed elementary school teacher, standards for teaching as accurate and exacting as those for medicine and other skilled professions, proper means of guiding students qualified for specific work, and an emphasis placed on fitting boys and girls to qualify for life rather than emphasis on college entrance requirements.

General and Departmental Meetings

The president's annual address by Prof. George W. Brooks, principal of the Frazier High School, Covington, formally opened the session.

The second general assembly in-

cluded a panel discussion by members of the faculty of Tennessee A. & I. College; George Peabody College for Teachers; Fisk University; Meharry Medical College; Austin High School, Knoxville; Montgomery High School, Lexington; and the Bedford County Training School, Shelbyville.

Departmental meetings provided for the following groups. Adult education, Agriculture, College, Dramatic, Elementary education, Foreign languages, History, Home economics, Industrial education, Language and literature. Library, Primary, Principals, Science and mathematics, and Supervisors.

Prominent speakers distinguished in various fields of education composed the speaking personnel at departmental and general assembly meetings. Among those addressing the teachers in session were: Dr. V. W. Leavell, George Peabody College for Teachers; Dr. George Redd, Fisk University; Dr. M. J. Bent, Meharry Medical College; Dr. Howard H. Long, assistant superintendent of schools, Washington D. C., Dr. W. J. Hale, president Tennessee A. & I. College; Dr. S. C. Garrison, president George Peabody College for Teachers; Mr. R. Lee Thomas, supervisor Elementary Schools of Tennessee; Dean Hardy Liston, Knoxville; Registrar Joe Stephens, Lane College and others.

Entertainment

The Tennessee State Players Guild, under the direction of Prof. T. E. Poag and Prof. L. M. Averitte, presented on the opening evening in the college auditorium the hilarious Broadway comedy, "The Family Upstairs," to an audience of more than 1,225. The production was commonly acclaimed as most excellently performed.

A banquet in the college cafeteria with Dr. Howard H. Long, Washington, D. C., was one of the highlights of entertainment. Dances and other forms of recreation were offered to lighten the more business of the session.

State Wide Spelling Contest

Sponsored by the Tennessee Negro Education Association and encouraged by the State Department of Education the state wide spelling contest closed with the state elimination at the A. & I. State College, Thursday, March 21, with ten pupils participating. Awards were presented to the following winners: first place, Louise Wallace, eighth grade, Anderson County, Mr. William

Holt, teacher, Clinton School, Clinton, Tenn.; second place, Edith Redd, eighth grade, Marion County, Mrs. Addie Hancock, teacher, McReynolds High School, South Pittsburg, Tenn.; third place, Zella Bussell, eighth grade, Knox County, Mrs. Nellie Ford, teacher, Lyons View School, Knoxville, Tenn.

Prizes in cash awards were presented to the winners of \$15, \$10 and \$5 respectively.

TENN. A. & I. COLLEGE
PLAYERS GUILD PRESENTS
BROADWAY PLAYS

The Tenn. State Players Guild presented the famous Broadway three act comedy, "The Family Upstairs," on March 21, in the college auditorium, at which time the meeting of the Tenn. State Teachers Association was in session. On April 27, as the final production for the meeting of the Southern Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts, in session at the Tenn. A. and I. College, April 24-27, the guild will present the three act drama, "Death Takes a Holiday."

The plays, under the direction of Prof. T. E. Poag, who is ably assisted by student directors and technicians from the classes in play production, have been successful on the legitimate stage and as motion pictures. Mr. Benton Adams and Mr. Charles Hunter of the college designed the sets for the productions. Costumes are designed by Miss Geneva Morrow, major in the department of Home Economics.

PHI BETA SIGMA ORATORICAL
CONTEST HELD AT TENN.
A. & I. STATE COLLEGE

Robert A. Smith of Atlanta, Ga., and president of the freshman class, was the winner of the Second Annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Zeta Alpha chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, held at the Tennessee A. & I. College, March 1. Mr. Smith spoke from the subject, "The Negro of Tomorrow."

The occasion was designed to aid a student of freshman classification enrolled in the College, who displayed promise in the field of writing and general achievement.

The award, a cash prize, was won the past year by Henry D. Hymes, Fort Smith, Ark.

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SAYINGS FOR THOUGHT
GLIMPSED FROM MAGAZINES

"The teachers must take the lead in saving the schools. No one else will. If teachers who see every day the miracle of child growth under wise guidance, who know the power of the school and the needs of the school, are not sufficiently interested and intelligent to lead in this matter, who else can be expected to lead? Teachers hold a special trusteeship for childhood. They are selected, educated, certificated, and employed by the people to maintain that trusteeship just as soldiers are employed to guard our borders. There must be an awakening of every teacher everywhere to do his part."

—The Journal of the National Education Association editorial, Feb., 1940.

"The obvious duty of the college to its students, and through them to society is to establish religion as a 'pattern idea' in their emotional lives. This is a serious challenge to the power of the college, for the process of reconciling this aim with that fundamental social principle of 'consciousness of kind' presupposes a balanced religious philosophy abstracted from a synthesis of science and religion. How far has the Negro college travelled in the direction of this ideal?"

—The Journal of Negro Education, "Religion in Negro Colleges" by Walter R. Chivers, Jan., 1940.

"A child is a creation more wonderful than any work of art.

He comes into the world with eyes to see and ears to hear and a heart to love.

He is dependent and at the mercy of the adults who minister to his needs.

These adults feed him and clothe him and send him to school.

They love him and praise him or blame him, often in the light of their own faulty yardsticks.

They label him 'good' or 'bad' and he learns that these yardsticks inhibit his world and stifle his soul.

Their discipline follows the moods and the whims of adults and he is confused.

He hears his faults talked of with other grown-ups and he is ashamed.

They compare him with brother, with sister, with friend, and he is afraid.

He feels insecure in this world of adults.

He creates devices and builds his defenses against these adults who people his world.

He lies and he cheats, he steals or he yells, he retreats or he bullies.

His defenses become the pattern of his behavior and fashion his world.

Whether this world be a happy one or a world of interminable conflicts

Is determined largely by the attitudes of those who guide his first eager steps as he learns to walk.

It is determined also by those who teach him the skills in the school where he goes.

A child is a creation more wonderful than any work of art.

He is a newcomer here and eager to learn; help him to feel secure and at home."

—Childhood Education, by Genevieve L. Lawless, student at Northern Illinois Teachers College, DeKalb, Ill., Feb., 1940.

"I would like to stand with great humility and reverence before a child as a new creative force in the world; a God-sent miracle of new vision, new intelligence, who perhaps will be able to create a better society than that of which we adults have made such a lamentable mess-----"

—The Education Digest, "Current Quotations," Ernest Raymond, English author, Feb., 1940.

"From a study made of the freshman class entering Dartmouth College in September, 1936, to determine (1) what changes occur in reading performance during the academic year as measured by a reading test, and (2) possible conditions and factors having a bearing on the changes, the following general conclusions were suggested by the findings—"students, a part from maturation and unless initially extremely deficient, or given training, make rather limited improvement during the freshman year in their reading techniques as measured by the Iowa Test."

—The Journal of Educational Psychology, "Changes in Reading Performance During the Freshman Year of College," by Robert A. Imus, Dec., 1939.

LITERATURE CLASSES IN
LITERARY PROGRAM.

The Literature classes of Tennessee State College presented the literary program, "Dream Rendezvous" in the college auditorium on March 6, under the direction of Miss Zelma L. Redmond, instructor.

"Dream Rendezvous" grew out of the "Picturegram," a project of the Literature classes of the fall quarter. The selections portrayed in "Dream Rendezvous" were selected by the students and worked out as group projects. In the literary recital the original and modern versions of the selections were portrayed.

Numbers included: "Song to Celia," by Ben Johnson; "Lil' Brown Baby" by Paul L. Dunbar; "To a Mouse" by Robert Burns; "To a Cuckoo" by Wordsworth; "Chicago" by Carl Sandburg, and others.

Students assisting Miss Redmond were: Mrs. O. Brown, Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. Mable Saunders, Miss Mary F. Suggs, and Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, members of the classes in Literature.

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CULTURE WEEK

Culture week was observed on A. & I. State College campus for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the students those aspects of culture which are so essential to every individual in living a full life.

Culture is the art of life. Its acquisition implies the deliberate shaping of one's self in order to live the greatest possible number of hours of one's life on the highest, noblest plane of being. "On the highest, noblest plane of being"—What does this mean to you?

Students seem to feel that they are being modern or democratic in their actions, when they "boo" or "hiss" a speaker and make unnecessary noise in chapel. Two of the principles of democracy are freedom of action and speech, but when a person abuses a privilege, then that privilege is withdrawn. So when we "boo," "hiss" and make such demonstrations in chapel we are abusing the principles of democracy.

Since observing culture week on our campus, I am sure that the students have become more conscious of the true meaning of culture. Culture dignifies and ennobles life. It is true that college life does not lend itself very readily to culture because of the dress; "sloppy-joe" sweaters, socks and the carefree life that exists, but even a

person in a "sloppy-joe" sweater and socks can act cultured.

I think it would be a good idea for each of us to select a model of culture, whom we will try in every way to imitate, and in selecting the model may I drop a further suggestion? There is no better example of a cultured person any where than our own First Lady, Mrs. Hale, who is the very essence of culture.

Instead of having just a week of culture, why not have culture for all times?

March 25, 1940

Alpha Psi Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
A. & I. State College,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Attention: Miss H. Mathis, Basileus
Dear Members:

Allow me to congratulate you upon the splendid recital sponsored by your organization last evening in the person of Miss Modestine Young.

It was the best presentation I have ever seen coming from one of our own young women. She was wonderfully fine and her appearance would have been an honor to anybody's campus.

Very sincerely yours,

W. J. Hale, President.

WJH: mec

cc: Miss Young

Mrs. Strange

FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY WELCOME CULTURE AND BEAUTY IN CAFETERIA.

The faculty and student body wish to thank President and Mrs. W. J. Hale and the personality group for the splendid service and the cultural atmosphere which recently has been inaugurated in the cafeteria. The dinner dances once a week promote a general tone of refinement and culture as well as affording collegiate recreation for the students.

On each evening of the dinner dance there was a profusion of flowers and ferns which artistically decorated the candle lighted cafeteria, in which well groomed and beautifully dressed young men and women ate with much grace and ease. From 5:30 to 6:30 P. M. the young people danced by the music of the Tennessee State Collegians.

Each person pledges his support and cooperation to President and Mrs.

New Farmers of America Attending Banquet at Tennessee State College



Dr. J. E. Walker, president of the Universal Life Insurance Company and president National Negro Business League—addressed the Tennessee Association of the NFA at a banquet given in honor of the young farmers who received the degree of "Modern Farmers." The banquet was one of the social affairs given for those attending the NFA State Convention at A. & I. State College, March 7-8-9.

CONVENTION OF NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA IN ANNUAL SESSION AT A. & I. STATE COLLEGE

The Eleventh Annual State Convention of the Tennessee Association of the New Farmers of America was held at the Tenn. A. & I. State Teachers College, March 7-9.

The meeting brought together delegates and teachers from the thirty-five schools having vocational agriculture in the curricula. It also brought together the winners from the seven districts of the state, making a total of 250 young farmers and teachers.

The program consisted of business

Hale and the personality group for continued stress of culture, beauty, and refinement in the cafeteria.

sessions, various contests and social affairs. In the business session, the young farmers from each school made interesting and striking statements concerning their accomplishments during the past year. A number of committees were also appointed to formulate a program of work for the coming year including a budget, constitution and by-laws, plans for a summer camp, and plans for attending the National Convention to be held in Pine Bluff, Ark., during the summer.

The boys competed in the following contests: modern farmers contest, annual crop judging, public speaking, quartet singing, stunts, and basketball. The winners in the various contests were as follows: modern farmers contest—Winston Barr, Gallatin, first prize; Homer A. Malone, Gallatin, second prize; and Eugene Marshall, Gallatin, third prize. Quartet singing—Murfree-

boro, first prize; Geeter, second prize; and Fayetteville, third prize. Speaking—Barret's Chapel, first prize; Whiteville, second prize, and Germantown, third prize. Stunts—Brownsville, first prize; Gallatin, second prize, and Lawrenceburg, third prize. Grand champion Judges—Wayne Reeves, Mason, first prize; Spencer Davis, Bolivar, second prize; Henry Woods, Bolivar, third prize, and Clarence Kimbrough, Springfield, fourth prize. Basketball—Woodstock, first prize; Covington, second prize; and Brownsville, third prize.

High ranking schools were as follows: Gallatin, Sumner County, 869 points, first rank, E. A. Gray, teacher; Geeter, Shelby County 412 points, second rank, P. B. Brown, teacher; Brownsville, Haywood County, 328 points, third rank, L. O. Gillespie, teacher; and

Bolivar, Hardiman County, 295 fourth rank, Ned M. Rawls, teacher.

Universal Life Insurance Company Gives One Hundred Dollars in Prize Awards

Dr. J. E. Walker, president of the National Negro Business League, and president of the Universal Life Insurance Company, on behalf of the Universal Life, presented cash awards amounting to \$100 to the three best young farmers and to the two ranking speakers.

This amount is offered as an encouragement to young Negro boys in farm business—the amount to be applied to their farming program or to the furtherance of their education.

Through the cooperative efforts of Pres. W. J. Hale of A. & I. State College, Mr. G. E. Freeman, State Director Vocational Education, and Mr. W. S. Davis, teacher-trainer, A. & I. State College, much is being done to improve the status of the Negro farmer in Tennessee.

A banquet in the college cafeteria was given in honor of the boys receiving the modern farmers degree, the highest award that a state chapter can make. As a special feature of the banquet, Dr. Walker addressed the group. In order to qualify for this degree, a boy must have \$100 in cash or invested in a productive agricultural enterprise. These boys, however, had cash and money invested to the extent of \$300 to \$1800. The annual farmers dance was given in the college recreation hall to which more than 800 farmers and students of the college were present.

Woodstock Wins Basketball Title

Woodstock Training School of Shelby County won the New Farmers State High School Basketball tournament by defeating a strong team from Covington. The all-state team picked by the competing coaches is as follows:

Forwards: 1. Anderson Rones, Covington, 2. Joseph Rucker, Gallatin.

Center: Cleveland Fisher, Woodstock.
Guards: 1. George Ellis, Covington; 2. Cephas Henry, Woodstock.

DEAN GEORGE W. GORE, JR.

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Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia, University.

An initial copy of the text was presented on behalf of the college to Pres. Hale to whom the volume is respectfully dedicated and from whom "the

author has learned much concerning teacher education." In accepting the book, President Hale paid high tribute to Dr. Gore, who through faithful cooperation and brilliant endeavor has made a name for himself in education.

Through his services to the College and to the State, Dr. Gore has made a definite contribution to education in Tennessee. His educational affiliations include membership in the following organizations: Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education; Sigma Pi Phi Honorary Fraternity; Alpha Kappa Mu, national scholarship fraternity; Alpha Phi Alpha; past president of National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools; executive secretary of Tennessee Negro Education Association; member of National Society of College Teachers in Education; the National Society for Study of Education; National Education Association, American Teachers Association; National Association of Collegiate Registrars; Delta Phi Delta Journalistic Society; The Agora Assembly and Trustee of the Kent School of Law. He has contributed to The Broadcaster, National Educational Outlook Among Negroes, Quarterly Review of Higher Education Among Negroes; School and Society, and other periodicals.

Presentations were made on behalf of the faculty by Attorney R. B. J. Campbell, college bursar. Miss Modestine Young, who recently was distinguished by her excellent performance in solo parts with the famous Concert Singers at the meeting of the National Education Association in St. Louis, dedicated the musical number, "Thank God for a Garden," to Dr. Gore.

PROFESSOR DENNIS A. FORBES IN WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN EDUCATION

Professor Dennis A. Forbes, department of Physics and Physical Science, Tennessee A. and I. College, in biographical sketch is listed in Who's Who in American Education, an illustrated biographical dictionary of eminent living educators of the United States, edited by Robert C. Cook, 1939-40.

Professor Forbes is a contributor to the Nashville, Tennessee Forum, and is a member of Theta Omega Pi, the college science club. He has been connected with the college for the past ten years.

TENN. A. & I. COLLEGE IN VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY WEEK CAMPAIGN

The Division of Social Sciences, department of Economics with emphasis on Labor Problems, A. & I. State College, in an effort to stimulate interest in the program instigated by the National Urban League, sponsored on March 10-17 the Eighth Vocational Opportunity Campaign with the theme, "to stimulate youth, to train and prepare for the jobs of tomorrow."

During the chapel hour on Monday, March 11, Mr. L. D. Smelzner, director of the Veterans Placement Bureau of the United States Employment Service, was the principal speaker. Special emphasis was placed on the necessity of diversified training in order to qualify in a formal way for more than one vocation.

During the course of the campaign students were given a chance to provoke subjects and questions relative to vocational training and placement, hear lectures and addresses on various phases of productive service, and view books displayed in the periodical room of the college library that pertained to various divisions of the program.

On March 25, at 5:30 p. m., Prof. J. C. Ballard, in charge of the courses in Economics and Sociology, Tenn. A. & I. State College, gave an address over station WSIX, in connection with the Vocational Opportunity Campaign.

MR. DUDLEY S. TANNER SPEAKS ON ROSENWALD DAY PROGRAM

Mr. Dudley S. Tanner, State Department of Education, Negro Division, delivered an address at the A. & I. State College, Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 a. m. during the Church School hour, in honor of Julius Rosenwald—whose birthday is celebrated this month and whose contribution to Negro Education has had singular significance. In speaking of the life of Mr. Rosenwald, Mr. Tanner fittingly discussed the lesson for the day, "Good Citizens and Good Neighbors."

The program was under the auspices of the Alba Rosa club, a student cultural organization which sponsors the observance each year.

Music for the occasion was under the direction of Mrs. Marie Brooks-Strange.

DIRECTOR G. W. GORE, JR., TENN. A. & I. STATE COLLEGE ATTENDS MEETING OF COLLEGIATE DEANS AND REGISTRARS

Director G. W. Gore, Jr., Tenn. A. & I. College, and executive officer of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools, attended its Fourteenth Annual Meeting, held at the Colored Agricultural Normal University, Langston, Okla., March 6-8.

From the theme of the meeting, "Democracy in Educational Administrative Procedure," subjects of vital interest were discussed including the "Relation of the College to the Alumni," "The Relation of the College to the Public," and "Faculty and Student Participation in Policy Making in Internal Administration and Organization, Curriculum Adaptation and Revision, Student Activities and Community Relations."

A. L. Kidd, registrar, Florida A. & M. College, Tallahassee, Fla., is president with J. P. Whittaker, registrar, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., vice president.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY IN ANNUAL JABBERWOCK

The spring quarter of 1940 was ushered in at Ayeni with the annual Jabberwock sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The much anticipated program makes possible a scholarship award to some deserving freshman young woman.

The various Greek letter and social organizations participated in skits, playlets, musical numbers, interpretative readings and other unique forms of entertainment. Cash awards were presented to the two most outstanding performances. The Phi Nu Pi Club of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, was awarded first prize of \$20 for a magnificent portrayal of Emperor Jones by Mr. John Young of Meharry Medical College. Second prize of \$10 was presented to the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity for an original interpretation of the devil at work with his kingdom inhabitants. Mr. "Billy" Jones gave the interpretative reading.

The affair, known for its beauty and glamour over a period of years, far surpassed all previous performances.



PROFESSOR MERL R. EPPSE, Chairman of Social Studies Division, A. and I. State College, who spoke on "Wings Over Jordan" program, March 17th.

PROF. MERL R. EPPSE SPEAKS ON "WINGS OVER JORDAN"

Prof. Merl R. Eppse, editor of the Christian Plea, the National organ of the Negro Disciples, chairman of the Social Studies Division and Prof. of History, Tennessee State College, Nashville, and the author of three widely used and authentic books on the Negro, was the speaker for The Disciples of Christ in America, on the "Wings Over Jordan" program, Sunday, March 17, 8:30 (CST) from station WGAR Cleveland, Ohio.

Prof. Eppse, a nephew of the first Negro United States Senator, Hiram Rhodes Revels, who took his seat in the Senate in February 1870, spoke from the subject, "The Disciples of Christ and the Negro." His wide experience and contact especially fitted him to view the problem of the Negro from many angles. Prof. Eppse attended Wilberforce University; New York University; Ohio State University; Tennessee State College, where he now heads the department of history; Drake University, from which he received the bachelor's degree and Columbia University, from which he received the degree of master of science.

His affiliations include a member of the National Council of Social Studies, The American Academy of Political

and Social Science, National Association of Authors and Journalists, Tennessee Negro Education Association, and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. He is a member of the Lea Avenue Christian church, Nashville.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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members of the staff.

Included in those who directed the work of the conference were: S. B. Simmons, A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.; and J. R. Thomas, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., who were in charge of the NFA National Board of Trustees meeting. D. C. Jones of Langston, Okla., served as general chairman of the conference with F. M. Staley of Savannah, Ga., as general secretary.

From the theme, "Efficiently expanding the services of the vocational agricultural teacher in the community," the conference discussed practically every phase of the program of Agriculture as it relates to training young men for better service in the field.

Distinguished guests present during the conference period and bringing messages of inspiration were: President G. L. Harrison, Langston University, Langston, Okla.; President J. B. Watson, Arkansas State College, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Mrs. Grace Wilson Evans, nationally acclaimed as one of the most dynamic political influences in the State of Indiana, a crusader for the Republican Party, and Mr. Cornelius King, assistant to the Government of Farm Credit, Washington, D. C.

Vocational Home Economics Conference

Approximately fifty delegates and visitors composed of distinct supervisors for Vocational Home Economics, heads of departments of Home Economics in Land Grant Colleges, Teacher Trainers in Home Economics, and college presidents were in attendance at the National Conference for Vocational Home Economics, March 27-29, at the Tennessee A. and I. State College.

Mrs. C. H. Springer, director of the department, A. and I. State College and staff were official hostesses for the meeting which brought together representatives from eighteen states.

Miss Ata Lee, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., conducted the conference at the college assisted by Miss Marie White, field agent, Washington,

D. C., and Miss Margaret Browder, state supervisor of Vocational Home Economics in Tennessee. Other leaders in the field of Home Economics to attend the conference were: Miss Katherine Forney, State Supervisor, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Ruth Stinson, District Supervisor, Jackson, Tenn.; Miss Elizabeth Mayes, State Supervisor, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Harriett Williams, Dunbar Trade School, Lexington, Ky.; Miss Mary Russell, State Supervisor, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Miss Mary Lois Williamson, State Supervisor, Frankfort, Ky.

Entertainment

Elaborate plans were made to make the meeting both instructive and entertaining. Tours covered scenes of historic Nashville including Fisk University, Meharry Medical College and the Tenn. A. & I. College. The tour of the Tenn. A. & I. College campus especially emphasized phases of Agriculture, including the poultry department under the direction of Prof. R. A. Munday; the greenhouse, supervised by Dr. D. A. Williston; swine, under the supervision of Prof. W. S. Davis; and the Dairy, supervised by Profs. Munday and Davis.

Tea at the home of President and Mrs. W. J. Hale, "Goodwill Manor," was given for members of the joint conference, to which members of the faculty were privileged to meet the visitors.

An Indian Program, sponsored by the College and given by native Indians of Oklahoma, was a special feature of entertainment on Friday evening in the College Auditorium.

R. E. CLAY ON BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HONORARY COMMITTEE

In connection with the celebration of Booker T. Washington, the Founder of Tuskegee Institute and a great leader of the Negro race, through the Post Office Department of the United States Government in the issuing of a postage stamp bearing his likeness, Mr. R. E. Clay, representing the State Department of Education of Tennessee, is serving as a member of the Honorary Committee sponsoring the celebration held April 7. The committee is headed by the Honorable Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The date, which significantly repre-

sents Founder's Day for the institution, celebrates the day on which the stamps will be released through the Tuskegee Institute Post Office. At this time the principal address will be delivered by the Postmaster General, the Honorable James A. Farley.

The singular honor comes to Mr. Clay as one of "a select group of representative Americans who shared his (Mr. Washington's) confidence and worked with him in some of his undertakings for the advancement of his people." Interesting personal incidents are among the rich experiences treasured by Mr. Clay as a result of the many years of intimate acquaintance.

DRAMA AT A. AND I.

The Tennessee State Players Guild, under the supervision of Professors Laura M. Averitte and Thomas E. Poag, is making immeasurable progress in the realm of drama. The first productions were staged during the month of November, and included four one act plays: "The Man in the Stall," "Poor Old Jim," "Bad Man," and "The House of Sham." The plays were well attended and will be remembered as the gala premiere of the free drama movement at A. and I. State College.

In the month of December, the entire guild presented the spectacular Christmas play, "The Pageant of the Kings." The creative abilities of Mr. Benton Adams and Mr. Charles Hunter were well combined to construct unusually beautiful scenery, which lent color and aesthetic beauty to this production.

The months of February and March witnessed an epoch in the history of drama in Nashville when the players guild presented two one act plays on the stage of the Ritz Theater. These plays were: "Man in the Stall," and "Poor Old Jim." So successful were these productions that the guild was immediately booked for a return engagement two weeks later. This time the popular "Bad Man" was repeated staging D. Nollez. In all approximately 4,300 persons have witnessed the productions of the Players Guild to date.

Toward the success of the University Christian Mission, the Players Guild contributed a religious play "The Bishop's Candlesticks," an excerpt taken from the immortal "Les Misérables" by Victor Hugo, and in conjunc-

STUDENTBODY AND FACULTY IN LITERARY TREAT HEAR MRS. MYRTLE R. PHILLIPS

Rare and far between are the times when students are the recipients of a challenging message such as that Mrs. Myrtle R. Phillips, sister of our own beloved Miss Zelma L. Redmond rendered in Chapel a few weeks ago. Her theme to us as young college Negroes was to create something to do. If you can't find a job, create something to do which will utilize your best effort, your best thought and you.

Mrs. Phillips, an instructor in Education at Howard University, is on a speaking tour which will cover Ohio, Kentucky and Maryland.

While she was on our campus, she was the house guest of President and Mrs. W. J. Hale, and a guest at the "At Home" honoring Miss Gwyndolyn Hale and Mr. Edward Hale at that time.

She was presented a Jewelship Certificate, the highest honor which a Literarian may receive, by the founder, and her sister, Miss Z. L. Redmond, for her inspiration and encouragement which have kept the club growing—thus exemplifying the club motto: "Great oaks from little acorns grow." As a Jewel of the club, Mrs. Phillips may establish a branch of Literati on the Howard University campus.

Mrs. Phillips' address on "Creative People and the Spiritual Element" will long be remembered for it opened our eyes to the many things ahead which we can do if we will only wake up and start doing something about them.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF DRAMATIC AND SPEECH ARTS TO CONVENE AT TENN. STATE COLLEGE

The fifth annual conference of the Southern Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts which will convene this year at Tenn. A. & I. College during April 24-27 is made up of more than eighteen Negro colleges throughout the southland. Randolph Edmonds of Dil-

ard University is president and organizer of the Association.

The conference this year will emphasize the development of drama and speech in the college curriculum. Among the distinguished speakers and actors who have been invited to participate in the conference are Paul Robeson, noted Negro actor; Dr. G. Oscar Russell, chairman of speech laboratories at Ohio State University; and Mr. Howard Lewis, make-up artist of the Columbus Civic Theatre Guild, who will give demonstrations of the latest make-up experiments for Negroes. Other noted actors and professional technical workers of our contemporary theatre have been invited to attend.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

A Clayton Powell Speaks

The History Study Club under the direction of Professor Merl R. Eppse, Head of the History and Social Science Department, and noted author, celebrated Negro History Week with a series of varied programs.

The opening program for the week's celebration was "The Negro on Trial," a play written and directed by one of the history students in which there evolved a court scene with the Negro being accused of having made no contribution to progress and civilization and defending himself by citing and demonstrating the great progress of the race in art, music, and science since the Civil War.

On various afternoons and nights during the remainder of the week, history majors in the senior class appeared at churches and schools in Nashville and vicinity giving short but interesting talks concerning the history and progress of the Negro, of which little is known.

The high point of the week's commemoration came on Friday night during the "Negro Quiz Program" at which time Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinia Baptist Church, New York City, spoke. He brought the audience to thunderous applause time and again with his fiery and challenging accounts of what Negroes are doing and should be doing to break down the barriers in various fields of education and occupation today.

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